Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Government do not think it necessary to go into an inquiry in each case. This being a matter of opinion I did not conduct an enquiry.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But the question is ours.

Mr. President.—The answer is his.

Cocoanut Growers' Association—particulars regarding.

112. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) whether there is an association called 'Cocoanut Growers' Association' in the State;

(b) when was it formed;

(c) who are the present office-bearers of the Association;

(d) is it a registered body;

(e) how many villages are represented in it;

(2) (a) has the Association submitted a memorial to levy a cess on cocoanut gardens;

(b) what are the contents of the memorial;

(3) has any action been taken on it; if not, will the Government kindly invite public criticism on it before passing final orders on it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) (a) Yes.

(b) In the year 1934.

(c) *President.*—Mr. M. P. Antony, Retired Deputy Superintendent of Sea Customs, Narakkal.

Secretary.—Mr. Paul Mampilly.

Treasurer.—Mr. M. P. Joseph, President, Narakkal—Nayarambalam Panchyat.

Members.—1. Mr. M. C. Joseph, 2. Mr. M. P. Virkkey, 3. Mr. M. C. Paul, 4. Mr. P. J. Virkkey, 5. Mr. K. C. Virkkey, 6. Mr. V. V. John, 7. Mr. Paul J. Mampilly, B. A., B. L., 8. Mr. George Parakkal, B. A., B. L., 9. Dr. M. J. Paul, M. B., B. S., 10. Mr. N. Raman Menon, Nayarambalam.

(d) It is not a registered body.

(e) Two villages. Narakkal and Nayarambalam.

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(2) (a) Yes.

(b) The memorial contains suggestions for protecting the interests of the cocoanut industry of this State and for placing it on a remunerative basis. It also refers to the necessity for intensive and extensive expansion of production, the development of cocoanut products generally, finding out outside markets for the sale of cocoanuts and cocoanut products, the organisation of Co-operative marketing Societies for the sale of nuts and the opening of a central library with works on cocoanut industry. The memorial also contains the suggestion that a cocoanut cess of 6 as. to 12 as. per acre of cocoanut garden may be collected and utilised for the improvement and organisation of the cocoanut industry.

(3) The matter is under consideration of Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly state whether they have invited public criticism before coming to a definite conclusion in this matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It has been forwarded to me and I am making a report and the whole matter is being considered. The necessity for inviting public criticism will be considered before orders are passed.

Budget provision under 19—Police Motor Boat—utilisation of.

113. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state as to whether the sum of Rs. 3,100 allotted for in the Budget for 1111 under item 19—under Motor Boat, has yet been utilised; if so, how?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—A sum of Rs. 2,901—3—0 has been spent so far—Rs. 2,200 was adjusted to the credit of the P. W. D. for the purchase of a new Engine for the Boat and the balance towards the running charges of the Motor Boat.

Murder case within the jurisdiction of the Irinjalakkuda Police Station—Investigation of.

114. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether there was a murder case on the 12th Kanni 1111 within the jurisdiction of the Irinjalakkuda Police Station;

(b) the number of persons murdered;

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